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## Colonial Craftsmen of Pennsylvania

FOR several years the writer has collected, from the early newspapers and other sources, data concerning the early craftsmen of this Commonwealth. With the assistance of the Museum it is now proposed to publish from time to time in the *Bulletin* photographic reproductions of these advertisements.

While the work of research still continues it is thought unwise by reason of the many inquiries to withhold the publication of the information collected to the present time, but we wish to emphasize the fact that the information contained in the following pages is partial and not complete because all the newspapers have not yet been searched.

It is expected in the future that after all the newspapers have been searched to 1800 or 1825 to republish these advertisements in pamphlet form, properly indexed in chronological order, and the preliminary work has been undertaken with this end in view.

As the texture of the paper varies practically with each number of our early news sheets, and many of them are bound closely to the edge, the reproductive work alone has become a task of extreme difficulty. But even though stained with age and yellowed by time they are the only record that remains in documentary form of the high state reached by our craftsmen.

Our earliest newspaper the "American Weekly Mercury" began publication in 1719. Previous to that date from the founding of the Commonwealth in 1682 to the publication of our first newspaper in 1719 we have only the wills and inventories filed in the Orphans Court together with occasional letters and documents to be found in the manuscripts of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

As many of the following advertisements are from the writer's private collection, it is requested, in view of the proposed publication in pamphlet form, that permission be obtained from the Museum before reproduction of these are undertaken for slides or other work.

The Museum will be glad to reply to all letters of inquiry and to receive information concerning the early Decorative Arts.

It is requested that all communications be directed to "The Director, The Pennsylvania Museum, Department of Colonial Craftsmen."

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ALFRED COXE PRIME.

**J**ohn Houfman, Upholfterer, in Marker Street, Philadelphia, leaving off Trade and going for England, will fell what Goods he has very reafonable; confifting chiefly of Stand- ing Beds, Feather-Beds, Quilts, Blankets, Scuffs for Cur- tains, Chairs, Looking-glaffes, Couches, &c. All Perfons indebted to him are defired to come and make up their Accounts, and thofe who have any Demand on him may come and fettle the fame.

AMER. WEEKLY MERCURY  
6/14/1722

**V**ERY good Red Leather Chairs, the neweft Fashion; Fine *Flanders*-Bed-Ticks, and fundry other *Euro- pean* Goods, and likewife Cinamon, at a very reafona- ble Rates, and choice *New-England* Hopps, and very good Beaver Hats, and Silk-Stockings to be fold by *Peter Baynton*, living at the lower End of *Front-Street*.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
1/20/1729

**V**ERY good Red Leather Chairs the neweft Fashion; fine *Flanders* Bed Ticks, and fundry other *European* Goods, likewife Cinnamon at a very reafonable Rate. and choice *New- England* Hops, good Beaver-Hats, and Silk-Stockins to be Sold by *Peter Baynton*, living at the Lower-End of *Front- Street*.

AMER. WEEKLY MERCURY  
3/13/1729

**L**ISBON Salt at Eighteen Pence *per* Bushel by the Hundred Bushel, Imported in the Brig *Mary*, at *Dickinson's* Wharff. To be Sold by *Peter Baynton*

AMER. WEEKLY MERCURY  
11/4/1731

**PETER BATNTON** at the lower End of *Front-Street*, Sells all forts of Loaf Sugar, *is* *London-Double*, *New-England Double* and *Midling*. &c. Cheaper than at any time heretofore, and will allow fix Months or more Credit to any Substantial Purchaser. The faid *Baynton* has Train Oyl to fell, and fundry *Euro- pean* and *West-India* Goods, very Cheap.

**V**ERY good English Red Leather, alfo choice English Peate, to be Sold by the Printer hereof.

AMER. WEEKLY MERCURY  
4/29/1731

**S**Lit or Rod IRON for Nails and other Uses, of all Sizes, to be fold by *Peter Baynton*, at 40 s. per C. Cafh, or 43 s. 6 d. per C. fix Months Credit. Like- wife Red Leather Chairs, Whale Oil, Whalebone, and fundry other Goods at reafonable Rates.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
9/9/1731

**PETER BAYNTON** gives Notice to a

*Persons that have any Accounts open against him, that they can and settle with him; and those that are indebted to him are desir'd to pay him forthwith or they will be proceeded against as the Law directs, he purposing to depart the Province in a very short Time.*

Philad. July 19. 1739.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

7/19/1739

**WHEREAS** Job Adams, Upholder;

*lately arriv'd from London, living in Front-street near the Crooked-Biller; makes and sells all Sorts of Upholster Goods, viz Beds and Bedding, Easy Chairs, Settees, Squabs and Couches, Window-Seat Cushions Russia Leather Chairs, with all Sorts of Upholsters Goods, at reasonable Rate*

AMER. WEEKLY MERCURY

5/18/1732

**CANE** Chairs of all Sorts made after the best & newest Fashion; old Chairs caned or Holes mended (if not gone too far) at reasonable rates, by Nicholas Gale, next to the Sign of the Pewster Platter in Front-Street, Philadelphia.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

6/27/1734

**GEORGE MILLER**, Joiner,

*In Chestnut-Street next Door to the Dolphin,*

**GIVES** Notice, that he is about to

leave off his Trade, and has a Quantity of Joiner Work, as Chairs, Tables, Desks, Chests of Drawers, &c. to dispose of, and will sell them very reasonably. As also several Negro Women who can both Wash and Sew, & fit for Family Business.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

3/21/1737

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY,**

**THAT** Mr. Joseph Claypoole, Joiner, has left off his Trade; and has given his Stock and Implements of Trade to his Son the Subscriber, who has Removed from his Shop in Walnut-Street, to the Joiners Arms in Second-Street, near the Proprietors; where all Persons may be supplied with all Sorts of Furniture of the best Fashion; as Desks of all Sorts, Chests of Drawers of all Sorts, Dining Tables, Chamber Tables, and all Sorts of Tea Tables and Sideboards; he having the largest and oldest Stock of Timber, of the Produce of this Country and the West-Indies, of any in this Province, some of which having been in Piles near 25 Years; he has likewise a Parcel of choice cur'd Maple; and a large Parcel of choice Wood for Bedsteads, and a fine Sortment of the best and newest fashioned Brass Work Furniture, lately Imported from London.

JOSIAH CLAYPOOLE.

Philad. May 22. 1738.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

5/18/1738

**PLUNKET FLEESON, UPHOL-  
STEPPER**, lately from *London* and *Dublin*, at the Sign  
of the Easy Chair, near Mr. *Hamilton's* in Chestnut-Street ;  
makes all Kinds of Upholsterers Work after the best Man-  
ner : Where any Person may be furnish'd with Feathers, Bul-  
ticks, Blankets, Sacking-Bottoms, &c. at the most reasonable  
Rates.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
8/1/1739

**C**HOICE Live-Geese Feathers, to be Sold  
by *Plunket Fleeson*, Upholsterer, at the easy Chair in  
*Chestnut-Street*, near Mr. *Hamilton's*; likewise Sea Beds, curled  
Hair Matresses, Sacking Bottoms, all kind of Upholsterer's  
Work, done reasonably. N B. Any Person having such  
Feathers to sell, may apply to the said *Fleeson*

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
7/3/1740

*Made and to be sold by Plunket Fleeson,  
at the easy Chair, in Chestnut-Street.*

**S**EVERAL Sorts of good Chair-frames,  
black and read leather Chairs, finished cheaper than any  
made here, or imported from Boston, and in Case of any  
defects, the Byes shall have them made good ; an Advan-  
tage not to be had in the buying Boston Chairs, besides the  
Damage they receive by the Sea : Good live Geese Fea-  
thers, Sea beds, bed bottoms of good Duck at 20/, and all  
kinds of Upholsterers Work done after the best manner.  
N. B. He has a neat japan'd Chest of Drawers to be  
sold Cheap.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
9/23/1742

**PLUNKET FLEESON,**  
*Upholsterer, at the Easy-Chair, in Ches-  
nut-Street, Philadelphia,*

**K**NOWING that People have been  
often disappointed and impos'd upon by Master Chair  
Makers in this City, to the Prejudice of his Part of that  
Business, by Encouraging the Importation of Boston  
Chairs, Has engaged, and for many Months, employed  
several the best Chair-makers in the Province, to the  
End he might have a Sortment of Choice Walnut Chair  
Frames ; Gives Notice that he now has a great Variety  
of the newest and best Fashions, ready made, whereby  
all Persons who want, may be supply'd without Danger  
of Disappointment or Imposition, at the most reasonable  
Rates ; and Maple Chairs as cheap as from Boston.  
Also Feathers; Feather Beds, Bed Bottoms, Sea Beds,  
&c.-----Ready Money for Horse Hair and Cow Tails.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
6/14/1744

**D**RUMS, Colours, and Cartouch-boxes, made, and Drums  
new headed and repaired by **PLUNKET FLEE-  
SON**, Upholsterer, at the Easy Chair, the Corner of Fourth-  
Street, in Chestnut street, who continues to make all Kinds of Up-  
holsterers Work, Chairs and Joiners work, in the best manner  
and newest fashion, at the most reasonable rates ; sells choice live  
geese feathers cheap, sea beds, bed bottoms, India pictures, &c. &c.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
2/18/1755

**PIKE HEADS**, Halberd-heads, Drums and Colours, for completely furnishing a Company of Foot, may be had reasonably of **PLUNKET FLEESON**, in *Fourth-Street*.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
8/7/1755

**M A D E and S O L D**

By *Robert Barton*, near the **POST-OFFICE** in *Philadelphia*,  
at the most reasonable Rates,

**W**Alnut, Mohogony, Easy, Close-stool and Ship - Chairs, and Stools, Couches and Settees, Backgammon Tables, with Men, Boxes, and Dies. Who has a likely Negro Woman fit for Town or Country Business, with a Child about one Year and an half old to dispose of. Also right good Neatsfoot Oyl for Coach and Chaise Leather and Harnesses to sell reasonably by the Gallon or larger Quantity.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
8/9/1739

*Notice is hereby given*

**T**HAT *Robert Barton* is removed from *Market-Street* to the House that *Capt Thomas Lloyd* lately liv'd in, opposite to *Black-Horse Alley* in *Second-Street*: Where all Persons may be supply'd with all Sorts of Walnut Chairs and Cabinet Work at the most Reasonable Rates.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
10/23/1740

**PETER HALL**, Upholsterer, in  
*Chestnut-Street*,

**M**akes all Sorts of Beds, Chairs, or any other Furniture fit for any House: Also will teach any Person to draw Draughts in a short Time for Flourishing or Embroidering, at the most reasonable Rates.

**N. B.** Said Hall has also Drums fit for Sea or Land.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
4/4/1745

**JAMES WHITE**,

Upholsterer and Undertaker, lately arrived from London,

**M**A KES all sorts of furniture for beds, window curtains, either festoon or plain, all sorts of chairs, either French or India back, sofa's, settees and settee-beds, feather-beds, mattresses, and all other sorts of household furniture, after the newest taste, either in the Chinese or Venetian, likewise paper hangings put up, so as not to be affected by the hottest weather; also funerals furnished, and shrouds ready made, pink'd as in London, or plain and plaited, and sheets.

**N. B.** He either finds materials, or will make up ladies or gentlemen's own, cuffs and robings to ladies gowns, &c. pink'd after the newest fashion. He's to be spoke with, at present, at *Mrs. Bedford's*, opposite *Mr. Tenant's* new Church, in *Third-Street*, any time from ten in the morning, till night; and some patterns of papers to be seen as above said.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE  
7/4/1754

To be sold by Thomas Maule, joiner, in Front-street,  
a little above the Bank Meeting-house,

**M**OST sorts of joiners work, all kinds of  
brass handles and draps for chests of drawers, and  
desks, and tea chests, sundry sorts of draw locks, brass  
and iron tea-table locks, brass desk locks and hinges, brass  
and leather castors, brass rings for doors, brass clock pins,  
brass egg nobbs, locks and latches, coffin handles and  
screws, half inch walnut boards, chest locks, hinges, dove-  
tail hinges, rule joint, table hinges, and screws of sundry  
sorts, large and small, plain irons, chisels and gouges, 3d  
4d 6d 8d rod and 20d nails, sash pullies, 4d sprigs, gimlets,  
augers, center bits, camels hair, varnish, brushes, sundry  
sorts of files, chalk, antimony, fine salt, and chocola c.

# PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

4/16/1748

To be sold, by

**THOMAS MAULE,**

At the sign of the Cross-cut-Saw, near the English Church, in  
Second street, Philadelphia.

**I**RON dripping-pans, steel, vices, anvils, brass and iron wire,  
frying pans, English iron pots, brass locks for desks, 2, 3, 4d  
6, 8, 10, 12, and 20d. nails, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8d. sprigs,  
sundry sorts of sadlery, white tinned tacks, brass chaise nails, 2,  
3, and 4d. trunk nails, 2, 3, and 4d. clout nails, 2, 3, 4, and  
6d. round headed nails, 3, 4, and 6d. scupper nails, chest locks,  
handles and hinges, H and H L hinges, and dovetail ditto, rule-  
joint hinges, and screws, brass desk and prospect hinges, strap  
and T hinges, brass handles and scutcheons, brass and iron clock pins,  
brass ink-pots, and fountain pens, brass and iron compasses, iron  
squares, coffin handles and screws, silver'd and tacker'd furniture  
for coffins, brass kettles, tea-kettles, chafing dishes, warming  
pans, English quart bottles, and corks, drawing knives, table  
knives and forks, pistol capp'd and cutteau knives, seal hest  
penknives, and Barlow's ditto, butchers knives, common and  
fine scissars and shears, razors and lancets horse shears, chisels and  
gouges, broad-axes, adzes, hammers, plain irons, augers, gim-  
blets, tap and bung borers, center and wimble bits, chisels, gouges,  
hooks and long bits for turners, sundry sorts of files, rasps, sash  
lines and pullies, chalk lines, plate bolts, and round ditto, fire  
shovels and tongs, bellows, chimney hooks, candlesticks, polish-  
ed, plain and japanned snuffers, knitting needles, key rings, watch  
chains, and strings, shoemakers hammers, knives and awl-blades,  
piocers, nippers, tacks and punches, marking irons, fishing hooks  
lines, setts of letters to stamp with, mens and womens thimbles,  
needles and pins, spectacles, thumb latches, and brass knob'd  
ditto, brass knob'd locks, stock and draw locks, and gun locks,  
padlocks, saw-mill saws, whip and cross-cut saws, band pannel  
tenant, sash, dovetail and compass saws, saw plates for frames,  
saw-sets, English glue, clock-case freezes, hinges and locks,  
coffee mills, box and flatirons, curry combs and horse brushes two  
foot rubbers, snuff and tobacco boxes, brimstone, allom, copperas,  
adder logwood, fustick, and redwood, sweet oil, linseed oil, yel-  
low oaker, red lead, prussian blue, verdigrease, white lead, grey-  
nish white, speish brown, chalk, broadcloths, shalloon, tammey,  
camblet, scarlet, flowered, white and striped flannels, a large as-  
sortment of buttons and mohair, thread and silk, silk and hair,  
cambrick and lawn, holland and linen, check linen, writing pa-  
per, spelling-books, royal primers impro-ed, testaments, nur-  
mags, cin mon, mace, cloves, indigo, fish skins, and pump e-  
Rones.

† 105. TBC:SW.

# PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

8/14/1755

**W**HEREAS one *John Emmerly*, by Trade  
a Cabinet-maker, went from *England* in the Year  
1725 to the West Indies, and from thence to some of the  
Northern Colonies: This is to inform him, if he be living,  
that he may apply to the Printer of this Paper, and be in-  
formed of something to his Advantage.

# PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

7/8/1731

This is to give Notice,  
**THAT JOHN BOYD, of Philadelphia,**  
*Carpenter, (if Health permits) will have a large Quantity of Door-Cases, Window-Cases with Shutters and Sashes, fit for either Stone, Brick or Frame Houses; any Person may be supplied with what Quantity he may have Occasion for, or some or present that is already finished, in Market-street, opposite the sign of the Conchogee-waggon, on reasonable Rates, by me,*  
**JOHN BOYD.**

**PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE**  
**2/10/1741**

**FRANCIS TRUMBLE,**

Cabinet and chair-maker, &c. at the sign of the *Screw*, in Front-street, near the New-market Wharff, on Society Hill, Phil. delphia, makes and sells the following goods in mobogany, walnut, cherry-tree, mapple, &c. viz.

**SCRUTORES**, bureaux, sliding-presses, chests of drawers of various sorts, breakfast tables, dining tables, tea tables, and card tables; also cabin tables and stools. Chairs of all sorts; such as settees, easy chairs, arm chairs, parlour chairs, chamber chairs, close chairs, and couches, carved or plain; bedsteads andacking bottoms, clock cases, corner cupboards, tea chests, tea boards, bottle boards, &c. &c. Likewise all sorts of cabinet furniture, at reasonable rates.

**N. B.** A great assortment of the above goods being ready made, after the newest fashions, any person may be supplied immediately, or on very short notice.

**PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE**  
**8/8/1754**

**EDWARD WEYMAN,**  
**UPHOLSTERER,**

At the sign of the Royal Bed, the Corner of Chestnut and Second Streets, Philadelphia, makes all Kinds of Upholsterer's Work, viz.

**FURNITURE** for beds and window curtains, either fustoon or plain, stuffs all kinds of settees, and settee beds, easy chairs, couches and chair bottoms, either of silk, worsted or leather, likewise feather beds, mattresses, cabin stools, and puts up paper hangings in the neatest manner; he also makes umbrellas suitable for the sun, and mends those for bad weather. He will either find materials suitable for the above mentioned furniture, or will make up ladies and gentlemen's own; he likewise can supply persons with all sorts of joiners work, those ladies and gentlemen who please to favour him with their custom, may expect to have their furniture made up in the neatest and newest fashions, and with immediate dispatch, at the most reasonable rates, by their most obedient humble servant,

**EDWARD WEYMAN.**  
 NOTICE is hereby given to the tanners, and others, who have cows tails, or horses manes and tails to dispose of, that said Weyman gives the best price for those sorts of hair. Tbc. © 52.

**PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE**  
**1/28/1755**

**SAMUEL POWELL,**

Brass-Founder, at the Three Brass Cocks, in Second street, near Sassafras (or Race) street,

**MAKES** and mends all sorts of brass cocks, wholesale or retail, mill brasses, brass suckers and chambers for pumps, &c. He has likewise to sell, a convenient three story house, well finished, opposite the Reform'd Church, in Sassafras-street, now in the tenure of Isaac Roberts. Also a three story house in said street, with a two story kitchen, and good work-shop and cellar under it, convenient for a cooper, being the house where William Nixon lately liv'd. And a two story brick tenement, with a good wash house and work shop, pleasantly situated in Bread-street, commonly called Moravian Alley. There is to be sold at said place cories by the bag or gross, fine brass wire hives, Whitechapel needles, and Weston's knuff by the bottle or dozen.

**N. B.** There are at said Powell's several fans, which Peter Knouton had to new mount (when here) the owners are desired to come and pay charges, and take them away; and if not taken away in two months, they will be sold to pay the expence. 4/53. Tbc.  
 Philadelphia, June 26. 1755.

**PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE**  
**8/7/1755**